

MINUTES
OF THE
NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
OLD LINE
OCHLOCKNEE PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
SARDIS CHURCH, COLQUITT CO. GA.
October 24, 25, and 26, 1925

OFFICERS

ELDER E. R. RHODEN,
Moderator
Moultrie, Ga.

J. M. CLARK,
Clerk
Doerun, Ga.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE OLD LINE OCHLOCKNEE PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

The Ninety Ninth Annual Session of the Ochlocknee Primitive Baptist Association held with Sardis Church, Colquitt County, Ga., 11 miles east of Moultrie on the Georgia Northern Railway, beginning Saturday October 24, 25 and 26, 1925.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. R. Rhoden from the Suwanee Association. His text being the 40th chapter of Isaiah, 1st, 2nd and 3rd verses: "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, for she hath received of the Lord's Hand double for all of her sins."

After thirty minutes intermission the delegates assembled in the house and was called to order by the Moderator.

Then prayer by Elder W. M. Holcomb from the Pulaski Association.

1. Called for and read letters from eleven churches and minuted their state and enrolled delegates' names. All report peace.
2. On motion elected Elder E. R. Rhoden Moderator, and J. M. Clark Clerk by ballot.
3. On motion adopted last year's minutes as course of business.
4. Read the Decorum.
5. The Moderator invited visiting ministers and brethren of our faith and order to seats with us in our deliberations and to share with us in our joys and sorrows.
6. Called for Petitionary Letters.
7. The Moderator appointed committees as follows:
On Preaching and Finance:—J. N. Joyner, J. R. Taylor, G. W. Horn, G. J. Chitty and T. S. Barrow.
8. On Business:—Elder A. L. Pearce, G. W. Holloway and W. T. Dean.
9. On Memorials:—W. W. Dorminy and C. M. Roberts.
10. Called for correspondence from the sister Associations and received as follows:—
From the San Pedro Association Bro. J. C. English with pack of minutes.
11. From the Pulaski Association:—G. W. Turner.
12. From the Union Association:—Elder Duncan McCranie, Bro. G. B McClendon and Brother B. F. Cornelius with pack of minutes.
13. From the Flint River Association:—
14. From the Alabama Association:—Elder G. H. Fowler with pack of minutes.
15. From the Suwanee Association:—Elder W. R. Rhoden.
16. Called for Petitionary Correspondence. None.
17. Appointed F. M. Renfroe to write the Corresponding Letter.

18. On motion adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock. After a song of praise had prayer by Elder W. R. Rhoden from the Suwanee Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.
J. M. CLARK, Clerk.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association met according to adjournment, and after a song of praise had prayer by Elder Duncan McCranie from the Union Association.

1. Called the roll.

2. Renewed the call for correspondents and received from the Pulaski Association, Elder W. M. Holcomb.

From the Flint River Association:—Elder T. J. Davis.

3. Extended invitation to visitors and received as follows:—

From the Flint River Association Elder L. Johnson.

All the messengers and visitors from the Sister Associations were received by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

4. Called for report of the Business Committee and received report as follows:

We, the Committee, have examined the minutes of the several Associations and find nothing to object to. We recommend the same order of business as heretofore.

Elder A. L. Pearce
W. T. Dean
G. W. Holloway.

Approved by the Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.
J. M. CLARK, Clerk.

5. Called for report of the Finance Committee and received the following report:—

We, the Committee on Finance, submit the following:—We received from the several churches the sum of \$87.20 as contribution, and we recommend that Five Hundred minutes be printed, three hundred and fifty for the churches and one hundred and fifty for the correspondents, and that \$40.00 be given to the Clerk for printing and distributing of the minutes and his services, and \$47.20 to be divided among the visiting ministers and correspondents. Also that the cost of the minutes be printed on last page of minutes.

J. R. Taylor
G. W. Horn
T. S. Barrow
G. J. Chitty
J. N. Joiner

Approved by the Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator
J. M. CLARK, Clerk

6. Called for report on Memorials:—

We, your committee on Memorials, beg to submit the following report:

We find that it pleased the Lord to take from our midst our dear and much beloved brother and Elder B. F. Brown, who was a faithful and much beloved member at Bethsaida church.

We, the Committee on Memorials, also find that it pleased the Lord to take from our midst our dear and much beloved brother and Deacon B. F. Morse, a faithful member of Rocky Creek church.

W. W. Dorminy

C. M. Roberts

Approved by the Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderato.

J. M. CLARK, Clerk

7. Return correspondence as follows:—

To the San Pedro Association to be held with Corinth church, three miles south of Lee, Fla., on the S. A. L. railroad, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1926:—J. W. Rogers and F. M. Renfro.

8. To the Union Association to be held with New Friendship church, one mile south of Hahira, on the Georgia Southern railroad, beginning on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1926.—Elder A. L. Pearce, Brother J. R. Willis and Elder E. R. Rhoden.

9. To the Flint River Association to be held with Prosperity church, Decatur county, Ga., nine miles west of Climax, on the A. C. L. railroad, beginning on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1925:—J. M. Clark, Elder E. R. Rhoden and W. D. Simmons.

10. To the Alabama River Association, to be held with Bethlehem church, Pearce County, Ga., near Patterson Station on the A. C. L. railroad, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1925:—Elder A. L. Pearce and Brother J. M. Bryant.

11. To the Pulaski Association to be held with Christian Hope Church, eleven miles from Rochelle, on the S. A. L. railroad, beginning on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1926:—W. T. Dean, Elder E. R. Rhoden and J. M. Clark.

12. To the Suwanee Association, to be held with Little Springs church, two miles from Duke Station and eight miles west of Lake Butler on the Georgia Southern railroad, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1926:—W. D. Simmons, Elder E. R. Rhoden and E. R. Willis.

13. The General Meetings will be held as follows:—

First District to be held with Rocky Creek church, Worth county, Ga., four miles north of Crosland, on the A. B. & A. railroad, beginning on Friday before the second Fifth Sunday in 1926.

Second District to be held with Mt. Pisgah church, Thomas county, Ga., two miles east of Ochlocknee Station on the A. C. L. railroad, beginning on Friday before the third Fifth Sunday in 1926.

14. Corresponding Letter:—Called for and read and adopted Corresponding Letter, and it reads as follows:—

We, the Ochlocknee Association, now in session with Sardis church, Colquitt County, Ga., Saturday, Sunday and Monday, October 24, 25, and 26, 1925, To the Associations with whom we correspond, Greetings:—

Dear and much beloved brethren and sisters in the Lord:—

Through the tender mercies and goodness of God we have been spared to hold another session of our body in peace and love. Our representation is full. Churches all reporting peace and love. Our correspondence is full. Your ministers came to us preaching the good tidings of salvation by grace through Jesus Christ our Lord, for which, if not deceived, we feel grateful and thankful to God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. We desire a continuation of your lovely correspondence. Our next session, the Lord willing, will be held with Pleasant Hill church, Moultrie, Ga., on Saturday and Sunday and Monday of the Fourth Sunday in October, 1926. Where we hope to meet again. Till then, farewell.

F. M. Renfroe.

Approved by the Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator

J. M. CLARK, Clerk.

15. On motion adjourned to meet with Pleasant Hill church of Moultrie, Colquitt County, Ga., one half mile west of the Georgia Northern depot on the Ga. N. R. R., also on the A. B. & A. and the Ga. & Fla. Ry. about the same distance, beginning on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1926. When and where we hope to meet again. Till then farewell. After a song of praise had prayer by Elder G. H. Fowler, from the Alabama Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.

J. M. CLARK, Clerk

16. Resolution of Thanks.

We, the messengers of the Ochlocknee Primitive Baptist Association, take this one more privilege of extending to you, the brethren, sisters and many kind friends that it takes to constitute Sardis church and the surroundings thereof:—We feel that our cup was made to run over and our hearts to beat within us for joy and gladness, and everything of the kind, too many to mention just now, for your goodness and tender mercies toward us while with you those three days. And we ask that All-Wise and Eternal God of Heaven and of Earth to continue His blessings toward you, both natural and spiritual, while here in this life. May God bless us all and keep us in the ways of all righteousness, is our prayer.

J. M. Clark.

17. ORDER OF PREACHING.

First Day, Saturday Morning:—Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. R. Rhoden from the Suwanee Association.

Saturday Evening:—First by Elder T. J. Davis from the Flint River Association. Followed by Elder G. H. Fowler from the Alabama Association.

Second Day, Sunday Morning:—First by Elder O. K. Sheffield, from the Suwanee Association. Followed by Elder W. M. Holecomb, from the Pulaski Association.

Sunday Evening:—First by Elder L. Johnson, from the Flint River Association. Followed by Elder Duncan McCranie from the Union Association.

17. Third Day, Monday Morning:—First by Elder J. T. Strawder from the Pulaski Association. Followed by Elder G. H. Fowler from the Alabama River Association. Closed by the Moderator, Eld-

er E. R. Rhoden, of the Ochlocknee Association.
Approved by the Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator
J. M. CLARK, Clerk.

VISITING MINISTERS

Received at our Association,
With prayer and supplication,
And they preached by revelation
To the comfort and consolation
Of God's generation.

Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other
name under Heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved.
—Acts the 4th and 12th.

Elder W. R. Rhoden.
Elder W. M. Holcomb.
Elder Duncan McCranie.
Elder O. K. Sherfield.
Elder L. Johnson.
Elder T. J. Davis.
Elder G. F. Fowler.
Elder J. T. Strawder.

18. ADDRESS OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Elder E. R. Rhoden, Moultrie, Ga.
Elder A. L. Pearce, Moultrie, Ga.
Elder E. Lindsey, Tifton, Ga.
Elder J. W. Gardner, Camilla, Ga.
Elder W. H. Godwin, Barwick, Ga.
Elder B. C. Lewis, Moultrie, Ga.
Elder W. L. Bozeman, Norman Park, Ga.
Elder W. P. Hall, Moultrie, Ga.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. The members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our union shall compose the Ochlocknee Primitive Baptist Association; two-thirds of which form a quorum.
3. Members chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those received by experience and baptism and otherwise, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and dead since our last Association.
4. This Association shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe on the internal rights of any church.
5. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be elected by ballot of the members present.
6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order, explain and put questions. He shall have the same right of speech as any other member, provided the chair shall be filled, but shall not vote except the body be equally divided.
7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a record of the proceedings of the Association and the minutes taken shall be read

and amended if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises. The Clerk shall also keep a file of the minutes to be presented at each Association, and shall be accountable for all money deposited in the hands of the Association.

8. Any church applying by letter and delegates for admittance which, upon examination is found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to its delegates.

9. Every church shall have a right to send two delegates to the Association and no more.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall claim the attention of the Association except withdrawn by the person who made it, with the consent of the Association.

11. Every person who speaks must rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted when speaking except when he departs from the subject.

12. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

13. There shall be no talking or whispering in time of public speech, nor reflection cast on the speaker.

14. Whenever a case is decided by a vote, there shall be no more debate on the subject.

15. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

16. The Association is in favor of preaching the gospel, the circulation of the scriptures, and the advantages of education, and recommends temperance and morality in general, but to her members in particular. Notwithstanding she is opposed to all modern institutions of men, such as missionary, bible tract and Sunday School societies, together with the Baptist State Conventions and theological schools and such like, because their connection with the church of God is unauthorized by the scriptures. As such we cannot fellowship them or admit to our church privileges any person who is connected therewith in any wise. Believing all such to be speculative in their nature and fruitful sources for corrupting the church. In relation to Free Masonry we recommend to our brethren who already be attached to that fraternity to immediately withdraw therefrom, and when brethren leave the church and join that fraternity, they are not such as follow after the things that make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another, Rom. 14:19, and as such, unless they manifest a suitable repentance and immediately withdraw therefrom, and make suitable acknowledgments, shall be rejected from the fellowship of the church.

17. We recommend to the churches composing this body to receive members that went off with the missionaries and all other Baptists at the time of their separation from us providing they bring satisfactory evidence of legal baptism with a suitable confession of faith, and not otherwise in disorder, and not to receive any who have been baptized by them since said separation only by experience and baptism.

18. This Association holds that if the union be broken between any of the churches and the breach cannot be healed to withdraw from them that may be deemed unsound in faith or immoral in practice until they be removed.

19. To invite visiting brethren from sister Associations of our faith and order to seats with us.

20. To keep a correspondence with other Associations of the same faith and order, so that a chain of communication may be preserved throughout the denomination.

21. If any member shall break the rules of this Decorum he shall be reprov'd by the Moderator.

22. These rules shall be read at every Association prior to entering on business.

23. The rules of this decorum may be altered or amended at any time by a majority of three-fourths of the Association.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.

J. M. CLARK, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, and that there are three in the God-head—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God by inspiration and is our rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the state he is in by nature or of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and not finally fall away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper, and washing of the saints' feet, are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the only true baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery.

12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ELDER E. R. RHODEN, Moderator.

J. M. CLARK, Clerk.

CHURCHES	CLERK AND HIS POSTOFFICE	PASTORS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS											Sunday of Annual Meeting
				Exper. & Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd Conf. Faith	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Days	Contributions	
Live Oak-----	J. M. Clark, Doerun, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden--	J. M. Clark, J. R. Taylor-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	1	\$10.10	1st in Aug.
Pleasant Grove--	W. W. Dorminy, Moultrie, Ga.,	T. J. Davis----	W. W. Dorminy, J. B. Monk--	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	39	2	10.00	2nd in Sept.
Bethsaida-----	G. W. Tucker, Moultrie, Ga., Rt. 1	A. L. Pearce----	I. E. Tucker, G. W. Horn-----	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	62	3	11.45	3rd in Sept.
Mt. Zion-----	T. S. Barrow, Coolidge, Ga., R. 1	T. J. Davis----	T. S. Barrow-----	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	30	1	3.00	1st in Sept. ∞
Sardis-----	C. A. Hires, Berlin, Ga., R. 1	A. L. Pearce----	G. J. Chitty, J. N. Joiner-----	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	51	4	10.00	4th in Sept.
Harmony-----	S. N. Chapman, Barwick, Ga.	W. H. Godwin--	F. M. Renfroe, G. W. Holloway	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	63	4	9.25	4th in Aug.
Bethel-----	J. W. Rogers, Boston, Ga., Rt. B	A. L. Pearce----	J. W. Rogers, J. M. Rogers---	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	33	1	6.50	1st in Sept.
Pleasant Hill---	J. L. Taylor, Moultrie, Ga.	E. R. Rhoden--	E. R. Rhoden, A. L. Pearce---	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	24	3	5.00	3rd in June
Ty Ty-----	W. T. Dean, Ty Ty, Ga.	A. L. Pearce----	W. T. Dean, J. R. Willis-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	2	8.40	2nd in Sept.
Mt. Pisgah-----	W. E. Chastain, Ochlocknee, Ga.	J. W. Gardner--	J. W. Gardner, O. J. Beasley--	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	24	1	5.50	1st in July
Rocky Creek----	C. M. Roberts, Omega, Ga. R. 2	W. R. Akers----	C. M. Roberts, L. H. Roberts--	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	18	3	8.00	3rd in Sept.
				5	2	1	1	7	10	7	421	3	\$87.20	

Received from J. M. Clark \$20.00 for Printing Minutes



